

Penrith Valley Seniors Computing Club Inc

Penrith Valley Seniors Centre

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Newsletter - No. 4- March 2004

Dear Club Members,

This is the Club's 4th Newsletter and it is an update on the previous Newsletters. It advises about 'Up coming events', indicates the current position of the Club, the courses that are being run and our aspirations for the future.

Newsletters are e-mailed to members who have recorded their e-mail addresses with the club and copies are available on the club notice board and from the club's Computer Room. If you cannot find one, ask a Tutor or Mentor to print one for you.

Up coming events

TechnoSeniors Expo/Seminar is being held as part of Seniors Week in the Main Hall of the Penrith Senior Citizens Centre at 10am to 1pm on Friday 19th March 2004. The Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association (ASCCA) is sponsoring the Expo. A leaflet about the Expo is attached at the end of this Newsletter and printed copies are available from the Computer Room.. There will be speakers on using computers, recording Family History and Internet Security. Our club and several other Computer Clubs from the Blue Mountains to Western Sydney as well as organisations that use technology will be promoting their services. There will also be a sausage sizzle and refreshments at a minimal charge. Please encourage your 'senior friends' (over 50's) to attend.

A Reporter/Photographer from the Western Weekender will be at the Computer Room at 11am on Monday 8th March to take photographs of the club and members with a view to promoting the Expo.

Margaret Tucker, who is helping to organise the Expo on behalf of ASCCA, will be visiting the club on Tuesday 9th March.

A Digital Photography Interest Group has formed and meets in the Computer Room at 1pm on Tuesdays. For additional details please contact:

Bert Foster Tel: 4754 3008 Email: bertf@ozemail.com.au

or,

Yvonne Doyle Tel: 4733 7332 Email: ydoyle@bigpond.com

A Web Site for the club is being prepared by one of our members and we will advise you when it is operational.

Current position of the Club

We have 196 paid members. New members are always welcome and can join at the Seniors Centre on most weekdays. Subscriptions for 2004/2005 are not due until June 2004.

There are 128 Ladies (65%) and 68 Gentlemen (35%).

Our youngest member is 50 and our oldest member is 89.

141 members (72%) have indicated that they have computers at home.

63 members (32%) have correct E-mail addresses recorded with the club. If you have not received this Newsletter by e-mail, it means that we do not have your **correct** e-mail address.

We still have the equipment shown below. However, In addition, we hope to have 6 new PCs operational before the middle of April 2004.

9 PCs with fast '**Broadband**' access to the **Internet**; and

1 PC that is not connected to the Internet.

2 Colour Printers.

1 Laser Printer (Mono-colour).

1 Scanner. A scanner allows us to add photographs and pictures to our computer records and e-mails.

We also have a number of computer books, magazines and games that are available for loan to members.

The club's Committee is responsible for administration.

Club Committee:

President	Bob Ryan	Tel: 4739 3542	E-mail: pvsc@internode.on.net
Vice-President & Course Coordinator			E-mail: robertjryan@bigpond.com
Treasurer	Alan Lees	Tel: 4736 5541	E-mail: leebrown@tpg.com.au
Secretary	Bert Foster	Tel: 4754 3008	E-mail: bertf@ozemail.com.au
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Assistant Treasurer	Syd Bousfield	Tel: 4733 3473	E-mail: jbous@optusnet.com.au
Assistant Secretary	Pat Mitchell	Tel: 9623 4358	E-mail: patmitch@dodo.com.au
Member	Grace Selway	Tel: 4732 3804	
Member	Frank Bawden	Tel: 9623 7237	E-mail:
mx125251@bigblue.net.au			
Member	Yvonne Doyle	Tel: 4733 7332	E-mail: ydoyle@bigpond.com

Please contact any committee member, if you wish to discuss club matters, or if you have any suggestions on how to improve the club.

Social Committee:

Grace Selway
Di Leahy
Pat Mitchell
Zillah Warner

Computing Courses for 2004

Beginners courses for beginners and anyone wanting to refresh their basic knowledge.

Word courses for writing letters, e-mails, stories etc.

Internet & E-mail courses for browsing the Internet, sending, receiving & storing e-mails - including scanning photographs and documents.

Publisher courses for doing art work, making cards, calendars, letterheads, notices and family trees.

Excel courses for using spreadsheets and numbers and is very useful for budgeting, keeping records of investments, inventories and taxation.

'Do your own thing' courses: for example, you can buy and work through a training book for Beginners, Word, Internet & E-mail, Publisher, Excel, or you can browse the internet, send and receive e-mails, do your Internet Banking & Shopping, write your family history, or prepare your family tree, or learn to touch type. Tutors and Mentors will be present to **try and help** you when you request help.

Mondays:

9.30am to 11am - **Beginners & 'Do your own thing' course**
Tutor: Alan Lees Tel: 4736 5541 leebrown@tpg.com.au

11am to 12.30pm **Publisher course**
Tutor: Yvonne Doyle Tel: 4733 7332 ydoyle@bigpond.com

Tuesdays:

9.30am to 11am - **Beginners & 'Do your own thing' course**
Tutor: Bert Foster Tel: 4754 3008 bertf@ozemail.com.au

11am to 12.30pm **Publisher course**
Tutor: Yvonne Doyle Tel: 4733 7332 ydoyle@bigpond.com

1pm to 2.30pm **Digital Photography Interest Group**
Bert Foster Tel: 4754 3008 bertf@ozemail.com.au
Yvonne Doyle Tel: 4733 7332
ydoyle@bigpond.com

Wednesdays:

9.30am to 11am **Internet & E-mail course**
Tutor: Bob Ryan Tel: 4739 3542 robertjryan@bigpond.com

1.00pm to 2.30pm **Beginners & Word**
Tutor: George Bell Tel: 4721 3681 geoaj@optusnet.com.au

Thursdays:

9.30am to 11am **Beginners**
Tutor: Bob Ryan Tel: 4739 3542 robertjryan@bigpond.com

11am to 12.30pm **Beginners & 'Do your own thing' course**
Tutor: Bob Ryan Tel: 4739 3542 robertjryan@bigpond.com

2pm to 4pm **Question & Answer (Q&A) Sessions:**
Tutor: Frank Bawden Tel: 9623 7237 E-mail: mx125251@bigblue.net.au
These sessions are for the more technically inclined of us. You can come along and discuss any hardware/software problems you might be encountering on your home PC and hopefully a solution to your problem (s) can be determined by those present. You might just want to listen in and pickup some knowledge.

Fridays:

9.30am to 11am **Beginners & 'Do your own thing' course**
Tutor: Bob Ryan Tel: 4739 3542 robertjryan@bigpond.com

To enrol or make enquiries for any of the above courses, please contact the course tutor directly.

The Computer Room is available for internet, e-mail and practicing computer skills when classes or meetings are **not** being held and a club member is available and willing to take responsibility for the room.

Email: Members may send and receive e-mails on the club's PCs. But they must first join an organisation such as **Hotmail** or **Yahoo** and obtain an ID. This membership is free and Tutors will show you how to do this.

Club Fees and Charges:

The Club's current schedule of fees and charges is attached at the end of this newsletter for your information. A copy is also on the Club's notice board.

Interest Groups

Members have expressed interest in special 'Interest Groups' such as Genealogy, Digital Photography, Computer Craft and Computer Games. However, we need volunteers to start these groups.

Notice Board

There is a notice board outside the club Computer Room. This shows the courses that are being run, meeting dates, equipment availability etc. From time to time we receive notices of various computer events for seniors that you might be interested in attending, these are also placed on the notice board for your information. Members can use it for anything that may be of interest to other members.

Volunteers

Our present tutors and mentors are:

Tutors: Bob Ryan, Alan Lees, Frank Bawden, Bert Foster, Yvonne Doyle, George Bell.

Mentors: Shelia Bates, Julie Gillies, Liz Page, Elka Illy, Zillah Warner, Pat Mitchell, Janis Johnston, Rob Dickie.

We still need volunteers who are prepared to give 2 hours of their time each week to act as Tutors, Mentors, Interest Group Facilitators and Computer Room Supervisors.

We also need a Publicity Officer and a Newsletter Editor for the club. Members are encouraged to submit items of interest to the committee for publishing in the Newsletter. If you wish to become a volunteer, please advise any of the Committee, Tutors or Mentors.

We are looking for good inexpensive training material for all courses. If you have any recommendations or suggestions, please contact any of the Committee, Tutors or Mentors.

If you or your friends have surplus **computer** equipment (less than 4 years old), furniture, books or magazines, please advise any of the Committee, Tutors or Mentors and we will arrange collection, if necessary.

PVSCCI Committee

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SCHEDULE OF FEES & CHARGES

Effective 1st August 2003

Club Membership:

Joining Fee - \$10.00

Annual Fee - \$20.00 1st July xx to 30th June yy

NOTE: 1st years annual fee is calculated at \$1.65/mth for each full calendar month remaining in current membership year. The month in which you join is free.

Training Sessions:

Session - \$2.00 per training session

Internet use - \$1.00 extra per training session

Training materials – booklets, notes, folders etc – \$cost is dependant on course subject.

Use of Computer Facilities:

Computer - \$1.00/hour includes access to Internet for surfing only, downloading files is not included.

File download \$2.00/file in addition to computer charge, file size limit is 3MB

Printing:

Mono - \$0.10/page single side includes std A4 paper
(black) \$0.15/page double sided

Colour - \$0.30/page single side only includes std A4
paper

3.5" disk - \$1.00/each

